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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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SERIAL NO.:

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FOR: FLUID FLOW CONTROL SYSTEM AND CONNECTING FITTING THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box FWC Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the subject file wrapper continuing application please further amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please rewrite the first sentence of this application so that it reads as follows:

-- This application is a continuation of copending \emptyset application Serial No. 865,360, filed May 21, 1986, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 741,565, filed June 5, 1984, now abandoned. --

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 27, 30, 31 as follows:

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27. (amended) A fluid control apparatus for use with a irrigation and aspiration instrument adapted for irrigation and aspiration of a surgical site located in a small